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TITLE OF INVENTION **ADJUSTABLE ENDLESS BELT FOR USE IN POWER TRANSMISSION AND APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING BELT**

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.  
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed 8/4/98
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16
- ☒ The drawings filed on 8/4/98 are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this notice should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior art of record teaches, suggests, discloses or makes obvious an endless belt for use in power transmission as is as especially as called for by the combination of features in the instant independent claims wherein, in particular, an outer length of flexible tear-resistant material having mating ends so as to form a closed loop has an endless channel formed therein, the channel containing an inelastic enforcing ribbon of a flexible tear-resistant material with overlapping end segments and an adhesive is disposed within said channel securing the layers of ribbon to each other and to said outer length of material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### **PRIOR ART**

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In particular are cited Beck '810 and '389, and Schanin et al '866 and '583 as all disclosing endless belt designs of interest. However, the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest an endless belt of flexible tear resistant material having a channel therein which has an inelastic enforcing ribbon securely contained therein by an adhesive.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Roger Schoepfel whose telephone number is (703) 308-2147. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell, can be reached on (703) 308-2151. The fax phone number for this Art Unit is (703) 305-3597.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

R. Schoepfel/rjs

September 28, 1999

**ROGER SCHOEPPEL**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**  
**ART UNIT 3672**